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2004 Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Results

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2004 Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest. The contest was very successful again this year, yielding more than 80 requests for entry forms and almost 40 essays entered. Marketing efforts for this year's contest will begin in the late fall. The deadline will be Monday, April 4th, 2005.

2004-2005 Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Selected

Section Chair, Peggy Podell, has appointed over 50 members to lead our committees this year. [View](#) the Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs or find out [how to join](#) one of our committees.

Section Council Meets at Fall Meeting in Milwaukee

The Section of Family Law held a Council meeting on Friday, October 22 during the Fall Meeting. Read the [Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Section Honors Wisconsin Pro Bono Attorneys

Earlier this month the Section of Family Law honored [four Wisconsin attorneys](#) for their pro bono service.

Convention on the Rights of the Child in the 21st Century

The 4th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights will convene March 20th-23rd in Cape Town, South Africa. The Section is one of the programs many sponsors, [view the brochure](#) and read what this great cause is all about.

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Articles

Discovery of Mental Health Records in Custody Disputes

by *Carlton Stansbury*

Contested custody cases can present a conflict between the court's interest in searching out the truth and a party's right to privacy as recognized by the privilege surrounding one's mental health records. [This month's featured article](#), which covers a topic that was featured at the recent Fall Meeting in Milwaukee, explores how this conflict impacts both the parents in dramatically different ways, and impacts the guardian ad litem's ability to evaluate the child's best interests.

New Publications

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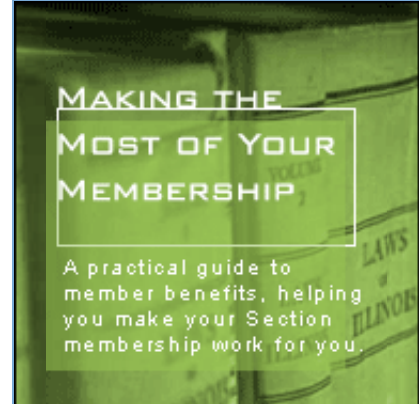
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Past and Present CLE



This month's featured benefit: Family Advocate Client Manuals

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How can I use them in my practice?

How do I order copies?

What are they?

You all know that the Section sends you four Family Advocates every year, but have you noticed that the summer issue is formatted to be used as a client manual?

Released this past summer, the updated and expanded *Surviving Your Divorce* and *Beyond* offers practical advice for clients on:

- Understanding the divorce
- Communicating with a lawyer
- Keeping costs down
- Knowing when to settle

How can I use them in my practice?

Give your clients tangible, easy to read information about what they can expect during their divorce and child custody proceedings.

& the Commission on Immigration seek Pro Bono Assistance

The Section is currently partnering with the ABA Commission on Immigration to provide pro bono assistance for unaccompanied immigrant child victims of persecution, trafficking and other violence. [Find out more](#)

Fall Meeting: Post-Conference Wrap-Up

Over 250 Section of Family Law members and their guests attended the Fall Committee and CLE Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from October 20 - 23. [Read the Wrap Up.](#)

Couldn't make it to Milwaukee? A limited number of Conference Course Books and CD-Roms are [available for purchase](#) through our website or by calling the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221. [View the Table of Contents.](#)

Audio Tapes of the programs offered at the Fall Meeting are also available for [purchase](#).

The Section of Family Law would like to thank the [sponsors](#) for their generous support of the 2004 Fall Committee and CLE Conference as well as the program [speakers and moderators](#) for their time and efforts.

2005 Trial Advocacy Institute Scheduled for May 21-28, 2005

Whether you are a new Family Law attorney or a seasoned veteran simply wanting to polish up on your trial skills, this program is for you. A sell-out every year, the Advocacy Institute is an intense eight-day program held each May at the University of Houston Law Center. Mark your Calendar and be on the lookout for more information to be posted to our website in November.

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